

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Electrohydraulic pressing device (11) suitable for one-handed operation, having comprising: a working head (30), an electric motor (4), a pump (20), a hydraulic tank (33) and a gear mechanism (19) between the electric motor (4) and the pump (20), a gripping region (5) being provided around which a hand can be placed and with which an actuating switch (39) is associated, characterized in that the gripping region (5) is formed around the electric motor (4) and the actuating switch (39) is disposed on the working-head side of the electric motor (4).
2. (Currently Amended) Pressing device ~~according to the features of the precharacterizing clause of Claim 1, characterized in that of claim 1, further comprising an emergency switch, wherein~~ the gripping region (5) is formed at the center of gravity of the device (11) and the actuating switch (39) and ~~an~~ the emergency switch (34) are formed lying oppositely on the device (11), appropriately for placement of an index finger/thumb.
3. (Currently Amended) Pressing device ~~according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein~~ the actuating switch (39) is disposed away from an end face of the electric motor (4) by the width of one to four fingers.

4. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein a one-sided widening (42) of the device (11) is formed at the end opposite from the working head (30).

5. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 4, wherein the widening (42) is partly formed by a storage battery (6).

6. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 4, wherein the widening (42) is formed such that it projects to the side on which the actuating switch (39) is formed.

7. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the of claim 1, further comprising a pump plunger, and wherein a center axis (y) of the electric motor (4) is in line with the an axis (z) of a the pump plunger (21).

8. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 7, further comprising a bypass valve (31) is disposed alongside the pump plunger (21).

9. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 7, further comprising a hydraulic tank (33) is disposed around at least the pump plunger (21) and/or the bypass valve (31).

10. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the of claim 1, further comprising a storage battery (6), wherein the storage battery can be inserted in the an axial direction of the electric motor (4).

11. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 1, further comprising a working head receptacle having a central axis (w) of wherein the working-head receptacle is aligned in line with a center axis (y) of the electric motor (4).

12. (Currently Amended) Electrohydraulic pressing device (1) having comprising: a working head (30), an electric motor (4), a pump (20), a hydraulic tank (33) and a gear mechanism (19) between the electric motor (4) and the pump (20), a gripping region (5) being provided around which a hand can be placed and with which an actuating switch (39) is associated, and having a working piston (16) for the actuation of a pressing tool (2), characterized in that, wherein when the device (1) is actuated, the working piston (16) can be made to move in first instance into a holding position and then can be made to move into the pressing position.

13. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to of claim 12 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that wherein the moving into the pressing position can be triggered by renewed actuation of the actuating switch (39).

14. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of Claims 12 and 13 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 12, wherein the working piston (16) is of a divided form includes a first portion and a second portion and in that wherein, after moving up against a workpiece, in first instance the first and second portions (50, 51) of the working piston (16) are moved against one another.

15. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of Claims 12 to 14 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the of claim 14, further including a spring, wherein the first and second portions (50, 51) of the working piston (16) are biased by a said spring (52) into a position in which they are moved apart from one another.

16. (Currently Amended) Pressing device according to one or more of Claims 12 to 15 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the of claim 14, wherein the first and second portions (50, 51) of the working piston (16) engage telescopically in one another.

17. (Currently Amended) Method for operating an electrohydraulic pressing device (11)

having comprising the steps of:

providing an electrohydraulic pressing device comprising:

a working head (30), an electric motor (4), a pump (20), a hydraulic tank (33) and a gear mechanism (19) between the electric motor (4) and the pump (20), a gripping region (5) being provided around which a hand can be placed and with which an actuating switch (39) is associated, and having a working piston (16) for the actuation of a the pressing tool (2) device: characterized in that the

moving the working piston (16) is made to move in first instance into a holding position and is held there before being made to move into the, wherein the force acting on the workpiece in said holding position is substantially less than the maximum pressing force;

holding the working piston in the holding position;

moving the working piston to a pressing position in which holding position the force acting on the workpiece is substantially less than the maximum pressing force.

18. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 17 or in particular according thereto;

characterized in that, wherein the step of moving the working piston to a into the pressing position is triggered by renewed actuation of the actuating switch (39).

19. (Currently Amended) Method according to either or both of Claims 17 and 18 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that of claim 16, further including the step of: manually interrupting the pressing process is manually interrupted after the holding position is reached.

20. (Currently Amended) Method according to one or more of Claims 17 to 19 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the manual interruption of claim 19, wherein the step of manually interrupting the pressing process is carried out by actuation of the actuating switch (39).

21. (Currently Amended) Method according to one or more of Claims 17 to 20 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that an electronically controlled interruption of the pressing process takes place of claim 17, further including the step of interrupting the pressing process after the holding position is reached using an electronic control.